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SUBJ: SRI LANKA REACTION TO US VIEWS ON CIEC AND COMMON FUND
ISSUE

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1. AS DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LAKSHMAN JAYAKODY, WAS NOT AVAILABLE, AND BECAUSE SECRETARY W. T. JAYASINGHE WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY, AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFF MADE PRESENTATION OF US VIEWS ON CIEC TO DIRECTOR GENERAL OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, ARTHUR BASNAYAKE, ON APRIL 29.

2. DRAWING ON REFTELS A AND B, AN INFORMAL PAPER WAS PREPARED AND GIVEN TO BASNAYAKE. AMBASSADOR REVIEWED TALKING POINTS AND ASKED GSL TO USE ITS INFLUENCE WITH G-19 IN SUPPORT US POSITION AND TO PROMOTE COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE DURING MAY CIEC TALKS.

3. BASNAYAKE RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT SRI LANKA SEES NEXT CIEC MEETING AS CRUCIAL TO SUCCESS OF NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE.
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BASNAYAKE SAID TIME WAS RUNNING OUT AND IF MAY TALKS DO NOT RESULT IN SOME DEFINITE PROGRESS ON ISSUES IMPORTANT TO DEVELOPING WORLD, NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS COULD DEGENERATE INTO BITTERNESS AND CONFRONTATION.

4. BASNAYAKE REFERRED TO SRI LANKA'S RESOLUTION EXPRESSING DISAPPOINTMENT OVER LACK OF RESULTS AT MARCH COMMON FUND CON-

REFERENCE WHICH WAS ADOPTED AT NON-ALIGNED MEETING IN NEW DELHI. IN THIS REGARD, HE POINTED OUT THAT BECAUSE OF CURRENT HIGH PRICES FOR TEA, RUBBER, AND COCONUT, AND GOOD PROSPECTS FOR RUBBER AGREEMENT, THERE WAS LESS URGENCY TO ESTABLISH COMMON FUND IN TERMS OF SRI LANKA'S SELF-INTEREST. AS CHAIRMAN OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM), HOWEVER, SRI LANKA HAD OBLIGATION TO PRESS ISSUES OF INTEREST TO ALL NAM EMBERS, AND SRI LANKA COULD NOT ADOPT ANY POSITION CONTRARY TO NAM CONSENSUS. EMBOFF EXPLAINED US POSITION ON COMMON FUND (REFTEL C) AND BASNAYAKE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCES COULD BE RESOLVED AT NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS.
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